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## ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

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The Disaster Analysis and Planning Section will gather and display certain critical or Essential Elements of Information which may not be immediately or readily available to sections, but are of a common need to one or more sections to facilitate response activities. As response operations get underway, other sections, field units and the EOC Liaison Officer will provide most of the information required by the Disaster Analysis and Planning Section. Not all of the information collected needs to be reported; however, critical information will be reported as it develops, and information for Incident Action Plans, Situations Reports and Flash Reports will be provided as required. The Essential Elements of Information include:

- ✓ Boundaries of the disaster area
- ✓ Social/economic/political impacts
- ✓ Status of needs/damage assessment
- ✓ Overall priorities for response
- ✓ Status of transportation systems
- ✓ Status of disaster/emergency declarations
- ✓ Status of communications systems
- ✓ Weather data affecting operations
- ✓ Hazard-specific information
- ✓ Access points to the disaster area
- ✓ Status of emergency shelters
- ✓ Historical information
- ✓ Status of upcoming activities
- ✓ Jurisdictional boundaries
- ✓ Status of critical facilities (District, government, utilities)
- ✓ Resource shortfalls
- ✓ Status of EOCs activation (State, Local, District)
- ✓ Status of key personnel
- ✓ Status of operating facilities
- ✓ Donations